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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FORT BENNING, Ga. – A former 3rd Infantry Division Soldier will be memorialized at 11 a.m. Nov. 4 when a conference room in McGinnis-Wickam Hall is named for him.

Col. William Wesley Wood died in Baghdad, Iraq, Oct. 27, 2005, while directing security operations. His unit responded to the detonation of an improvised explosive device. He was killed when a second IED detonated near his position. He was 44 at the time of his death.

Wood's widow Nanci, daughter Rachel, his parents and several other family members are expected to attend the dedication.

An "Air Force brat," Wood was born in Lubbock, Texas. He attended high school in Panama City, Florida, and after graduating attended a local community college before enrolling at Florida State University where he earned his commission through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1984.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with Valor device, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star device, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Global War of Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NATO Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge Expert Infantryman's Badge and Parachutist badge.

Media who wish to cover this event are asked to contact the MCoE Public Affairs Office to coordinate a media escort to McGinnis-Wickam Hall.

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